

Emergency Rule Review – ERR21-026
Legislative Service Office

AGENCY Mental Health Professions Board

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NOTE: Under W.S. 16-3-103(b), temporary emergency rules are valid for not more than 120 days after the date of filing.

SUBJECT: Chapter 12 - Application Procedure; Chapter 13 - Fees; Chapter 14 - Renewal

NATURE OF RULES: Legislative and procedural

STATUTORY AUTHORITY: W.S. 33-38-105

SUMMARY OF RULES: The Mental Health Professions Licensing Board promulgated emergency rules to effectuate 2021 House Bill 4 (HB 4), *Mental health professions practice act-amendments*, adopted during the 2021 Legislative Session. In part, HB 4 required the Board to institute criminal history background checks on initial license and certificate applicants, and on all renewal applicants once every four (4) years. The emergency rules promulgated by the Board provide for the criminal history background check process for initial applications and renewals. The rules also provide for monitoring of Wyoming licensees by the Board through the National Practitioners Data Base (NPDB), a repository of information on medical malpractice payments and certain adverse actions related to health care practitioners, providers, and suppliers. The NPDB assists the Board in staying apprised of any adverse action taken against a licensee by a licensing authority in a different jurisdiction. Lastly, the rules establish the fee for the requisite criminal history background checks and the fee to facilitate the Board's continued access to the NPDB monitoring tool.

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